

HOUSE BILL 765

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47,
Chapter 18, Part 1 and Title 53, Chapter 1, Part 1,
relative to food labeling requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 53-1-1__.

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Bottled water" means water that is placed in a sealed
container or package and is offered for sale for human consumption or
other consumer uses;

(2) "Bottled water plant" means any place or establishment in
which bottled water is prepared for sale.

(b) All bottled water sold in this state which contains added chlorine shall
conform to the following standards: containers or packages of bottled water from
a bottled water plant located in this or another state, printed after July 1, 2007,
shall contain language substantially similar to the following:

NOT SUITABLE FOR BABY FORMULA. CONTAINS ADDED
CHLORINE.

(c) All bottled water sold in this state which does not contain added
chlorine shall conform to the following standards: containers or packages of
bottled water from a bottled water plant located in this or another state, printed
after July 1, 2007, shall contain language substantially similar to the following:

SUITABLE FOR BABY FORMULA. CONTAINS NO ADDED CHLORINE.

(d) Bottled water that is not sold for human consumption and which contains added chlorine shall be exempt from the requirements of this section, provided that the product shall contain language substantially similar to the following:

NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-1-103(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() The sale of bottled water that fails to meet the labeling requirements provided for in Section 1 of this act, or any rule or regulation promulgated under this act;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-104(b), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Failing to meet the labeling requirements for bottled water as required in Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.